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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETINGS WITH GAMBIAN LEADERS

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DURING AMBASSADOR'S MOST RECENT TRIP TO BANJUL ON FEB 23,
HE SPOKE WITH MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, A.B. N'JIE AND DISCUSSED
PENDING SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL AS WELL AS
GAMBIA'S MORE REGIONAL CONCERNS.

(A) FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED GAMBIAN DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENTS IN ZIMBAWBWE AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN TROUBLESPOTS.
STATING THAT ENOUGH AFRICAN BLOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN SPILLED, N'JIE
FELT GAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS PARALLELED CURRENT
U.S. INITIATIVES.

(B) IN DISCUSSING GAMBIA'S INTERESTS IN ENCOURAGING REGIONAL
STABILITY, N'JIE REPORTED THAT GOTG IS STILL HOPEFUL REGARDING
ITS ROLE IN GUINEA-SENEGAL MEDIATIONS, BUT CANNOT REPORT ANY
RECENT PROGRESS. FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTED U.S. PATIENCE AND
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UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING GUINEA-BISSAU'S EARLY POST-INDEPENDENCE
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. N'JIE SAID BOTH GAMBIAN AND SENEGALESE
GOVERNMENTS ARE WATCHING GUINEA-BISSAU PROGRESS AND WILL WORK
TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE A GRADUAL GUINEA-BISSAU MOVE AWAY FROM
DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNISTS. SENEGALESE-GAMBIA RELATIONS REMAIN
EXCELLENT, N'JIE REITERATED, AND HE ANTICIPATES CONTINUING
USEFUL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SENEGALESE FOREIGN

MINISTER SECK AND BETWEEN SIR DAWDA JAWARA AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR.

(C) FOREIGN MINISTER N'JIE LOOKS TO BE MAJOR ARCHITECT IN
PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S STRATEGY FOR APRIL 4 GENERAL ELECTIONS
IN GAMBIA, THEREBY FOCUSING HIS ENERGIES ON INTERNAL POLITICAL
AFFAIRS DURING NEXT SIX WEEKS. NONETHELESS, HE INSISTS HE WILL
CONTINUE HIS AWARENESS AND INTERESTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
DURING ELECTIONS.

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